



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Senate Bill 179	Assembly Amendment 1
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Current law specifies various requirements with respect to school buses. In addition, current statutes permit the Department of Transportation to promulgate administrative rules relating to additional equipment for school buses. In addition to requiring various items, current rules allow, but do not require, a school bus to be equipped with a safety control arm mounted on the right side of the bumper.

2001 Senate Bill 179 requires that a school bus be equipped, on the front, with a retractable crossing gate that, when in use, prevents children from crossing in front of the school bus so close that they are not visible to the school bus operator. The bill also requires the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe administrative rules for the specifications, installation, and operation of the required crossing gates. The bill would take effect on the first day of the seventh month beginning after publication.

Assembly Amendment 1 to the bill delays the effective date and provides that the bill's provisions take effect on the first day of the 25th month beginning after publication.

Senate Bill 179 was introduced by Senator Grobschmidt and others; cosponsored by Representative Plale and others. It passed the Senate on a voice vote. It was referred to the Assembly Committee on Education. Representative Hundertmark offered Assembly Amendment 1. The Assembly Committee on Education adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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